GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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DEMAND OF CNG IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any action to make available enough CNG in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Mahanagar Gas Ltd. is not able to provide enough CNG to stations;

(d) whether taxi or auto-rickshaw drivers have to wait in a queue;

(e) if so, the steps taken to meet the situation;

(f) whether High Court has given deadline for the same; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e) Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) a Joint Venture Company of Gas Authority of India Limited, British Gas and Government o Maharashtra has been incorporated to supply CNG in Mumbai.Presently, MGL has compression capacity of 3,18,000 Kg/day and have 37 outlets and 144 dispensing points. MGL is meeting the CNG requirement of about 53,000 vehicles. The average sale of CNG is about 2,25,000 Kg/day. In order to meet the increasing demand of CNG in Mumbai, MGL has planned to increase the compression capacity to 6,00,000 Kg/day, CNG stations to 63 and dispensing points to 270 by June, 2003.

There has been some waiting time for vehicles during peak hours, which mainly is on account of space constraints and some time due to reduction of pressure of gas. With the increase in compression capacity and number of CNG stations, the waiting time would be reduced.

(f) & (g) Yes, Sir. High Court of Mumbaihave set the deadline for phasing out/ conversion of the vehicles to clean fuel i.e., CNG/LPG from March 2002 to January, 2004 for different vehicles depending on the age and type of the vehicle.